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11 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 RYAN GUIDRY,

18 Defendant.

19 CASE NO. 2:20-CR-03 DAD

20 ORDER TO SEAL DOCUMENT

21 **SUBMITTED UNDER SEAL**

22 This matter came before the Court on the United States's Request to Seal Documents in which in
23 the prosecution has requested the Court seal a five-page Motion for Downward Departure Pursuant to
24 U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1, the Request, and this Order.

25 Having read and considered the papers submitted, and being fully informed, the Court GRANTS
26 the United States's Request and FINDS as follows:

27 1. Protecting the safety of a cooperating defendant qualifies as a compelling interest as does
28 protecting the integrity of criminal investigations; accordingly, a compelling interest justifying
nondisclosure of the aforementioned documents exists in this case.

29 2. Without the sealing of the aforementioned documents, there is a substantial likelihood
30 that the defendant's safety will be endangered and that on-going criminal investigations, as well as
future criminal investigations that rely on the use of cooperating defendants, will be jeopardized.

31 3. Anything less than sealing the aforementioned documents will identify defendant Ryan

1 Guidry, as a cooperating defendant and thereby jeopardize his safety and jeopardize on-going and future
2 investigations. As such, sealing the aforementioned documents is narrowly tailored to achieve the
3 compelling interests found herein.

4 Accordingly,

5 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following documents in the above-captioned case are to be
6 SEALED until further order of this Court:

7 1. The five-page Motion for Downward Departure Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1; and
8 2. The Request to Seal Documents, and
9 3. This Order.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the docket entries in this case shall not refer to the United
11 States's Motion for Downward Departure Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 Dated: January 26, 2023

Dale A. Droyd
14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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